

She will attend Barnard College at Columbia University in the fall and intends to earn a degree in international human rights law with hopes of attending law school and one day representing people and organizations throughout the world that are fighting for human rights.

Mr. Speaker, it is not every day that we come across such talented and caring students like Sydney Everett. Her unique accomplishments serve as an example for every student in St. Louis and across the United States. It is a great honor to recognize her relentless passion for knowledge, unwavering dedication to her community, and humble character in light of such great achievements.

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP LOPEZ

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to interact with some of the brightest students in the 22nd Congressional District who serve on my Congressional Youth Advisory Council. I have gained much by listening to the high school students who are the future of this great nation. They provide important insight into the concerns of our younger constituents and hopefully get a better sense of the importance of being an active participant in the political process. Many of the students have written short essays on a variety of topics and I am pleased to share these with my House colleagues.

Phillip Lopez is a senior at Clear Lake High School in Harris County, Texas. His essay topic is: Select an important event that has occurred in the past 50 years and explain how that event has changed our country.

Over the past fifty years America has seen an explosion in technology, social changes, and monumental historic events. A man walked on the moon and remade the concept of the frontier. A wall fell that divided a nation, helping bring peace to a decimated land. A plane smashed the security of a great people and showed that terror can strike anywhere. And the demographics of this country have shifted establishing it as a true land of freedom for all who cross its borders. All have shaped this country, but one breakthrough has extended its impacts further than all others. In 1969 the first internet connection was made and revolutionized our society. Over the past forty five years the internet has created innovations that Americans fifty years ago could only dream of. The internet has fostered a new era of social and economic reformation across the nation helping us establish ourselves as the global superpower that we are today.

The age of the internet has allowed Americans to interact with people, places, and events from around the world. For example, the internet has given rise to the popularity of social media sites that enable you to communicate with and learn about others from half the world away. In addition these sites have impacted politics by enabling average citizens to stay more informed with an elected official's policy or daily activities. This web of interactions has led to America becoming a more global power and its people staying connected with information that is occurring anywhere in the world. Furthermore, we can now send and acquire that information faster, quicker, and easier than

ever before. With the click of a button anyone can become their own encyclopedia by having the ability to know anything about everything; from the current state of the economy to the price of eggs in China one can find it all. This plethora of available knowledge has led to younger generations developing proficiency in finding it. Furthermore, the news programs have embraced the importance and speed of the internet by enabling people to stay more informed and have more detailed information about current events. However, as a result of the speed at which one can acquire knowledge it is now expected to return information to people much faster, such as quickly responding to a text message or email. This speed of information is made even easier yet more required with the introduction of the web on mobile phones allowing Americans to know anything, anywhere, at any time; as long as you have service. For example, Google Maps has revolutionized the map industry and made paper maps obsolete. Why carry a large, bulky piece of paper when you can find where you are in minutes with a device the size of your hand. Anything that does not fit into the "faster, quicker, and easier" category that was created by the internet is not outdated and archaic. The new American society has more knowledge at its disposal than ever before which has propelled us as the leader of the modern world.

The internet has revolutionized the American economy and trade across the world. People can now purchase and sell items online in a process that is faster, easier, and more available to everyone. Online shopping has led to the creation of large companies such as Amazon and eBay. These online companies have opened new markets and made it easier to trade with remote places such as Alaska or small islands. The ability to trade with anyone in the world has helped establish America as a major leader in global trade. The internet has also caused our perception of a store to change. Instead of traveling to a store, one can buy the same good with the push of a button from the comfort of their home. Stores have become somewhat unnecessary and as a result many have gone out of business. Nevertheless the internet has created a nation built on quicker, easier, and cheaper trade across the world. Combined with social revolutions regarding education and available knowledge, the internet has quickly changed a nation.

Although it can be perceived as a positive or negative technology the internet has made America an economic superpower. Socially it has allowed this country to become more globally connected and opened the possibilities for endless knowledge. Economically it has revolutionized the way that we trade with other nations and altered our perceptions of traditional shopping methods. The internet has created a shiny future for our society in the world of trade and communications.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 3rd, 2013, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 184 and 185 for unavoidable reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 184: "yea" (On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1206, the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013). Rollcall No. 185: "yea" (On motion to

suspend the rules and pass S. 622, the Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2013 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments:

Liam Thomas Catoe, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Lucas Adrian Fumagalli, New Braunfels High School, United States Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Robert Guney, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Naval Academy; Dillon Mitchell Launius, Vandegrift High School, United States Air Force Academy; Adam S. Lee, East Central High School, United States Air Force Academy; Kevin Michael McGinty, MacArthur High School, United States Naval Academy; Joshua Andrew McMillen, International School of the Americas, United States Air Force Academy; John Edward Monday, Jr., Boerne—Samuel V. Champion High School, United States Military Academy; Clara Elizabeth Navarro, Rice University, United States Naval Academy; James Lyn Pazdral, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Albert Dixon Patillo III, Heritage School, United States Military Academy; Rafael David Ramos-Michael, Brackenridge High School, United States Naval Academy; and Kirsten S. Redmon, United States Military Preparatory School/Sam Houston High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

HONORING MRS. BIRDIA BEATRICE CLARK KEGLAR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman who was a champion against human oppression, discrimination, and injustice in Mississippi. Mrs. Birdia Beatrice Clark Keglars. Mrs. Keglars and her family lived in Charleston, MS located in Tallahatchie County, which is one of many counties in the state known by the name "Free State of . . ."

That caliber of courage and stance warrants recognition. Mrs. Keglars was a tiny woman in stature, standing about 4 feet 9 inches and her biggest fear wasn't her height or those she stood up against but rather the negative impact of injustice on African-Americans and society if nothing was done to change things.